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Australia Ends Higher Power Trial for Radio Amateurs

The Australian Communications and Media Authority ([ACMA](#)) has ended an 18-month trial that allowed participating Advanced licensees in that country to run up to 1 kW on the HF bands. Advanced licensees Down Under are limited to 400 W PEP. ACMA reached its decision earlier this month following a detailed assessment begun last March.

"After taking into consideration all the data obtained as part of the assessment process, the ACMA is of the view that the arrangements put in place for the trial should not continue," the regulatory agency said in terminating the arrangement.

ACMA pointed out that slightly less than 3 percent of the 10 690 eligible licensees - 297 in all - took advantage of the trial. Operators had to apply for permission to participate in the trial.

"Of the 297 that did obtain the authorization, the ACMA was advised by some participants that they had not used higher power," the agency said in its decision. ACMA said participant comments it received via the Wireless Institute of Australia ([WIA](#)) indicated that the benefits of running higher power "were confined to those respondents and do not demonstrate broader benefits to the wider community."

ACMA also said some participants' knowledge and awareness of Australia's RF exposure regulations "did not meet ACMA expectations."

ACMA said that while it is aware that some countries do permit higher transmitter power output levels than Australia does, "these countries are likely to have different and unique regulatory arrangements and policy considerations." The regulatory agency said it must base its decision "on the data collected during the assessment process and the requirements of the domestic legislative environment." Authorization to operate at higher power output expires 31 August.

The WIA for some time has been pushing for higher power limits for Advanced licensees, who feel the current 400 W power limit puts them at a disadvantage, especially in contests, while other countries permit 1 kW or more. After the New Zealand Amateur Radio Transmitters ([NZART](#)) was able to convince regulators in that country to raise the power limit on similar grounds, the WIA was encouraged to again pursue the matter. After the WIA was informed of ACMA's decision to end the trial, and, following talks, it was decided that the ACMA would revisit the issue next year.

Provisional Results of the SARL HF CW Contest

The Contest Committee received 15 logs for the SARL HF CW Contest held on Sunday 25 August 2013. This included 3 logs from DX stations. The results are as follows

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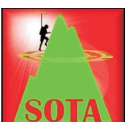
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September

4 - Secretary's Day
5 and 6 - Rosh Hashanah
6 - Casual Day
7 and 8 - IARU Region 1
SSB Field Day; RSGB SSB
Field Day
12 - Closing date for October
RAE
14 - Yom Kippur
20 - Schools close
20 to 22 - Maloti Makiti,
Fouriesburg
21 and 22 - SARL VHF/
UHF Contest
22 - Spring Equinox
23 to 27 - IARU Region 2
General Conference, Can-
cun, Mexico
24 - Heritage Day; SARL
Heritage Day Sprint
26 to 29 - Hermanus
Flower Festival
28 and 29 - CW WW
RTTY Contest

October

1 - Schools open
3 - SARL 80 metre QSO
Party
5 - Spring QRP Contest
5 and 6 - RSGB 21/28
MHz Contest
12 and 13 - AWA AM and
SSB Contest
16 - Bosses Day
17 - Radio Amateur Ex-
amination
19 - CQ Hou Koers
19 and 20 - Jamboree-on-
the-Air
26 and 27 - CQ WW DX
Phone Contest



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lows:

1st Bernie van der Walt, ZS4TX, 274 points
 2nd Vidi la Grange, ZS1EL, 118 points
 3rd Jan Botha, ZS4JAN, 116 points
 4th Alan Smith, ZS1AAX, 110 points
 5th Ed Willers, ZS6UT, 108 points
 6th Bruce Dunn, ZS5XT, 94 points
 7th Barry Brokensha, ZS6AYJ, 82 points
 8th Lucas Holtzhausen, ZS6LH, 72 points
 9th Pierre van deventer, ZS6A, 68 points
 10th Barry Nugent, ZS2NF, and Dirk Els, ZS6AKU, 46 points
 12th Daniel Horacio Piergiacomini, L59D, 10 points
 13th Joe Onizuka, JL6USD, 8 points
 14th Eldon H Burkinshaw, W1END and Jan Hattingh, ZS6BMN, 4 points

Best score on a single band

20 Metres

1st Bernie van der Walt, ZS4TX, 194 points

2nd Pierre van Deventer, ZS6A, 38 points

3rd Vidi la Grange, ZS1EL, 26 points

40 Metres

1st Vidi la Grange, ZS1EL, 52 points

2nd Jan Botha, ZS4JAN, 48 points

3rd Bruce Dunn, ZS5XT, Alan Smith, ZS1AAX and Ed Willers, ZS6UT, 42 points

80 Metres

1st Jan Botha, ZS4JAN, 38 points

2nd Ed Willers, ZS6UT, 36 points

3rd Bernie van der Walt, ZS4TX, 32 points

Club Competition

1st Bloemfontein ARC, 274 points

2nd Boland ARC, 118 points

3rd Cape Town ARC, 110 points

4th Pretoria ARC, 108 points

5th Rustenburg ARC, 72 points

6th Port Elizabeth ARS, 46 points

Final Results of the 2013 SARL HF Digital Contest

The Contest Committee received 9 logs for the SARL HF Digital Contest held on Sunday 25 August 2013. The results are as follows:

1st Bernie van der Walt, ZS4TX, 150 points
 2nd Jan Botha, ZS4JAN, 101 points
 3rd Nico Oelofse, 88 points
 4th Lucas Holtzhausen, ZS6LH, 81 points
 5th Pravin Kumar, ZS5LT, 80 points
 6th Theunis Potgieter, ZS3EC, 68 points
 7th Theo Bresler, ZS6TVB, 56 points
 8th Dirk Els, ZS6AKU, 51 points
 9th Eddie Leighton, ZS6BNE, 25 points

Best score on a Single band

20 metres

1st Bernie van der Walt, ZS4TX, 118 points

40 metres

1st Jan Botha, ZS4JAN, 69 points

2nd Pravin Kumar, ZS5LT, and Theo Bresler, ZS6TVB, 56 points

80 metres

1st Lucas Holtzhausen, ZS6LH, 37 points

Club Contest

1st Bloemfontein ARC, 238 points

2nd Rustenburg ARC, 81 points

3rd Highway ARC, 80 points

4th Port Elizabeth ARS, 68 points

5th Lichtenburg ARC, 25 points

Final Results of the 2013 SARL HF Phone Contest

The Contest Committee received 27 logs, including 1 check log, for the SARL HF Phone Contest held on 4 August 2013.

Single Operator

1st Jan Botha, 186 points

2nd Lucas Holthauzen, 155 points

3rd Christo van Rensburg, ZS3R, 132 points

4th Vidi la Grange, ZS1EL, 92 points

5th Brendon Muller, ZS4BM, and Theunis Potgieter, ZS2EC, 88 points

7th Ken Gurr, ZS6KN, 69 points

8th Dirk Els, ZS6AKU, and Theo Bresler, ZS6TVB, 67 points

10th Pam Momberg, ZS6APT, and Nico Oelofse, ZS4N, 64 points

12th Karel Bezuidenhout, ZR6K, 61 points

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13th Roy Newton, ZS6XN, 60 points
 14th Robert Bareham, ZS1SA, 58 points
 15th Heather Holland, ZS6YE, and Wynand Wolmarans, V51WW, 51 points
 17th Garth Wheeler, ZS6GMW, 49 points
 18th Danie Putter, ZS6ZD, 38 points
 19th Juan Coetzer, ZS6IF, 37 points
 20th Bruce Rown, ZS6BK, 36 points
 21st Geoff Levey, ZS6GRL, 31 points
 22nd Gert du Plessis, ZR6GRT, 28 points
 23rd Leon Uys, ZS6ALU, 20 points
 24th Timothy Bullock, ZS6IM, 11 points

Multi-operator

1st Bloemfontein ARC, 171 points
 2nd Kempton Park ARTS, 135 points

Check log

Johan Roos, ZS4KB

Best score on a single band

20 m

1st Wynand Wolmarans, V51WW, 51 points

40 m

1st Jan Botha, ZS4JAN, 114 points
 2nd Bloemfontein ARC, 113 points
 3rd Christo van Rensburg, ZS3R, 92 points

80 m

1st Lucas Holthauzen, ZS6LH, 47 points
 2nd Jan Botha, ZS4JAN, 45 points
 3rd Kempton Park ARTS, 37 points

Club Contest

1st Bloemfontein ARC, 323 points
 2nd Kempton Park ARTS, 173 points
 3rd Rustenburg ARC, 155 points
 4th Boland ARC, 92 points
 5th Port Elizabeth ARS, 88 points
 6th Centurion ARC, 64 points
 7th Soutpansberg ARC, 61 points
 8th Pretoria ARC, 60 points
 9th West Rand ARC, 59 points

Combined Results of the SARL HF Phone, Digital and CW Contests

1st Bernie van der Walt, ZS4TX, 424 points
 2nd Jan Botha, ZS4JAN, 403 points
 3rd Lucas Holtzhausen, ZS6LH, 308 points
 4th Vidi la Grange, ZS1EL, 210 points
 5th Bloemfontein ARC, ZS4BFN, 171 points
 6th Dirk Els, ZS6AKU, 164 points
 7th Theunis Potgieter, ZS2EC, 156 points
 8th Nico Oelofse, ZS4N, 152 points
 9th Kempton Part Amateur Radio and Technical Society, ZS6KTS, 135 points
 10th Christo van Rensburg, ZS3R, 132 points
 11th Theo Bresler, ZS6TVB, 123 points
 12th Juan Coetzer, ZS6IF, 119 points
 13th Alan Smith, ZS1AAX, 110 points
 14th Ed Willers, ZS6UT, 108 points
 15th Bruce Dunn, ZS5XT, 94 points
 16th Brendon Muller, ZS4BM, 88 points
 17th Barry Brokensha, ZS6AYJ, 82 points
 18th Kumar Pravin, ZS5LT, 80 points
 19th Ken Gurr, ZS6KN, 69 points
 20th Pierre van Deventer, 68 points
 21st Pam Momberg, ZS6APT, 64 points
 22nd Karel Bezuidenhout, ZR6K, 61 points
 23rd Roy Newton, ZS6XN, 60 points
 24th Robert Bareham, ZS1SA, 58 points
 25th Heather Holland, ZS6YE, and Wynand Wolmarans, V51WW, 51 points

27th Garth Wheeler, ZS5GMW, 49 points
 28th Barry Nugent, ZS2NF, 46 points
 29th Danie Putter, ZS6ZDm, 38 points
 30th Bruce Rowan, ZS6BK, 36 points
 31st Geoff Levey, ZS6GRL, 31 points
 32nd Gert de Plessis, ZR6GRT, 28 points
 33rd Eddie Leighton, ZS6BNE, 25 points
 34th Leon Uys, ZS6ALU, 20 points
 35th Timothy Bullock, ZS6IM, 11 points
 36th Daniel Horacio Piergiacomini, L59D, 10 points
 38th Joe Onizuka, JL6USD, 8 points
 39th Eldon H Burkinshaw, W1END and Jan Hattingh, ZS6BMN, 4 points

Club Competition

1st Bloemfontein ARC, 835 points
 2nd Rustenburg ARC, 308 points
 3rd Boland ARC, 210 points
 4th Port Elizabeth ARS, 202 points
 5th Kempton Part ARTS, 173 points
 6th Pretoria ARC, 168 points
 7th Cape Town ARC, 110 points
 8th Highway ARC, 80 points
 9th Centurion ARC, 64 points
 10th Soutpansberg ARC, 91 points
 11th West Rand ARC, 59 points
 12th Lichtenburg ARC, 25 points



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Contest Calendar

This week's contests compiled by Bruce Horn, WA7BNM. The period covered is 2 to 9 September 2013

QRP Fox Hunt

01:00 UTC-02:30 UTC 6 September

Mode: CW

Bands: 20 m Only

Classes: Single Op (Fox/Hound)

Max power: 5 watts

Exchange: RST, state, province or country, name and power output

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points

Submit logs by: 02:30 UTC 7 September 2013

E-mail logs to: (see rules)

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: http://www.qrpfoxhunt.org/summer_rules.htm

NCCC RTTY Sprint Ladder

01:30 UTC-02:00 UTC 6 September

Mode: RTTY

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 m

Classes: Single Op

Max power: 100 watts

Exchange: (see rules)

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: NA station: 1 point per QSO; non-NA station: 1 point per QSO with an NA station

Multipliers: Each US state (including KL7 and KH6) once per band; Each VE province once per band; Each North American country (except W/VE) once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 8 September 2013

E-mail logs to: (none)

Post log summary at: <http://www.3830scores.com>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html>

NCCC Sprint

02:30 UTC-03:00 UTC 6 September

Mode: (see rules)

Bands: (see rules)

Classes: (none)

Exchange: (see rules)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: September 8, 2013

E-mail logs to: (none)

Post log summary at: <http://www.3830scores.com/>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html>

PODXS 070 Club Jay Hudak Memorial 80 m Sprint

20:00 local 6 September to 02:00 local 7 September

Mode: PSK31

Bands: 80 m Only

Classes: QRP; Low Power; Medium Power

Max power: Medium Power: 100 watts; Low Power: 50 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: RST and state, province or country

QSO Points: 1 point/QSO

Multipliers: Each state, province and DXCC country once only

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 20 September 2013

E-mail logs to: lowbandsprints@yahoo.com

Mail logs to: Eric Dallmann, K9VIC, 15707 S. River Rd., Plainfield, IL 60544, USA

Find rules at: <http://www.podxs070.com/80-meter-jay-hudak-memorial-sprint>

G3ZQS Memorial Straight Key Contest

2300Z 6 September to 2300Z 8 September

Mode: CW

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: QRO; QRP; Club

Exchange: FISTS: RST, state, province or country, name and FISTS no; non-FISTS: RST, state, province or country, name and power

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 2 points per QSO with non-member; 5 points per QSO with FISTS member

Multipliers: Each state, province or DXCC country once only

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 8 October 2013

E-mail logs to: g3zqslogs@fists.org

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://www.fists.org/operating.html>

All Asian DX Contest, Phone

00:00 UTC 7 September to 24:00 UTC 8 September

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Mode: Phone

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Asian Single Op Single Band - high or low;

Non-Asian Single Op Single Band - high; JA Single Op

Multi Band - high, low, junior or silver; Asian Single

Op Multi Band - high or low; Non-Asian Single Op

Multi Band - high; Multi-Single; Multi-Multi

Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts

Exchange: RS and 2-digit age

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: (see rules)

Multipliers: Asian Stations: DXCC entities once per

band; non-Asian Stations: Asian prefixes once per

band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 31 October 2013

E-mail logs to: aaph@jarl.or.jp

Web-to-Cabrillo form: http://www.b4h.net/cabforms/aadxssb_cab3.php

Mail logs to: JARL, All Asian DX Contest, Phone, 170-8073, Japan

Find rules at: http://www.jarl.or.jp/English/4_Library/A-4-3_Contests/2013AA_rule.htm

Russian RTTY WW Contest

00:00 UTC-24:00 UTC 7 September

Mode: RTTY

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op All Band; Single Op Single Band;

Multi-Op; SWL

Exchange: RU: RST and 2-letter oblast; non-RU: RST and CQ Zone

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 5 points per QSO with same continent

10 points per QSO with different continent

Multipliers: Each RU Oblast once per band

Each DXCC country once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 7 October 2013

E-mail logs to: contest@radio.ru

Mail logs to: Russian RTTY WW Contest, Radio Magazine, Seliverstov per. 10, Moscow 107045, Russia

Find rules at: <http://www.grz.ru/contest/detail/93>

Wake-Up! QRP Sprint

06:00 - 06:29 UTC, 06:30 - 06:59 UTC, 07:00 - 07:29 UTC and 07:30 - 08:00 UTC 7 September

Mode: CW

Bands: 40, 20 m

Classes: (none)

Max power: 5 watts

Exchange: RST, serial no and suffix of previous QSO ("QRP" for 1st QSO)

Work stations: Once per band per period

QSO Points: 1 point per km

Multipliers: 1 point per new station worked on each band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total multiplier points

Submit logs by: 14 September 2013

E-mail logs to: ru-grp-club@mail.ru

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://grp.ru/contest/wakeup/333-wakeup-eng>

SKCC Weekend Sprintathon

12:00 UTC 7 September to 24:00 UTC 8 September

Mode: CW

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 m

Classes: (none)

Max operating hours: 24

Exchange: RST, name, state, province or country and SKCC no or "NONE"

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Bonus Points: (see rules)

Multipliers: Each state, province or country once

Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points x total mults) and bonus points

Submit logs by: 15 September 2013

Post log summary at: <http://wes.mOtrn.com/submission.php>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: http://www.skccgroup.com/operating_activities/weekend_sprintathon/

AGCW Straight Key Party

13:00 - 16:00 UTC 7 September

Mode: CW

Bands: 40 m Only

Classes: 5W (A); 50W (B); 150W (C); SWL (D)

Exchange: AGCW: RST, serial no, "/", class, "/", name, "/" and age

QSO Points: 9 points per A-A QSO; 7 points per A-B

QSO; 5 points per A-C QSO; 4 points per B-B QSO;

3 points per B-C QSO; 2 points per C-C QSO

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points

Submit logs by: 30 September 2012

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E-mail logs to: htp@agcw.de

Mail logs to: Friedrich W. Fabri,

DF10Y, Hermann-Bahner-Strasse 1, D-63225 Langen, Germany

Find rules at: [http://www.agcw.org/en/?Contests and CW-activities: Straight Key Party %28HTP%29](http://www.agcw.org/en/?Contests%20and%20CW-activities: Straight Key Party %28HTP%29)

RSGB SSB Field Day

13:00 UTC 7 September to 13:00 UTC 8 September

Mode: SSB

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Open; Restricted

Max power: Open: Full

Restricted: 100 watts

Exchange: RS and serial no

QSO Points: 2 points per QSO with fixed IARU Region 1 stations; 3 points per QSO with fixed non-Region 1 stations; 5 points per QSO with portable/mobile IARU Region 1 stations

Multipliers: Each DXCC country per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 24 September 2013

Upload log at: <http://www.rsgbcc.org/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl>

Mail logs to: RSGB G3UFY, 77 Bensham Manor Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey CR7 7AF, England

Find rules at: <http://www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2013/rssbfd.shtml>

IARU Region 1 SSB Field Day

13:00 UTC 7 September to 12:59 UTC 8 September

Mode: SSB

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: (see your national society rules)

Exchange: RST and serial no

Submit logs by: 30 September 2013

E-mail logs to: (see your national society rules)

Mail logs to: Your national society

Find rules at: Your national society web site

Ohio State Parks on the Air

16:00 - 24:00 UTC 7 September

Mode: CW, SSB, AM, Digital

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 m

Classes: Single Op OH Park - low or high; Single Op;

Multi-Single OH Park - low or high; Multi-Multi OH

Park - low or high

Max power: LP: 10 watts; HP: >10 watts

Exchange: OH Park: park abbreviation; OH: "Ohio"; W/VE: state or province; DX: "DX"

Work stations: Once per band per mode

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: Each OH park once

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 21 September 2013

E-mail logs to: LOGS@ospota.org

Mail logs to: Ohio State Parks on the Air, c/o Chuck Patellis, W8PT, 18118 Madison Rd., Middlefield, OH 44062, USA

Find rules at: <http://www.ospota.org/ospota/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/ospota-rules-13June2013.pdf>

QCWA Fall QSO Party

18:00 UTC 7 September to 18:00 UTC 8 September

Mode: CW/Digital, Phone

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 m

Classes: CW/Digital Only; Phone Only; Mixed

Exchange: last 2 digits of year first licensed and name and state, province, country or QCWA chapter

Work stations: Once per band regardless of mode

QSO Points: 1 point per phone QSO; 2 points per CW/digital QSO; 100 bonus points for each QSO with W2MM on each band and mode

Multipliers: (see rules)

Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points x total mult points) and bonus points

Submit logs by: 8 October 2013

E-mail logs to: w2od@aol.com

Mail logs to: W2OD, Robert Buus, 8 Donner Street, Holmdel N.J. 07733-2004, USA

Find rules at: <http://www.qcwa.org/2013qso-party.htm>

North American CW Sprint

00:00 - 04:00 UTC 8 September

Mode: CW

Bands: 80, 40, 20 m

Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high

Max operating hours: 4 hours

Max power: HP: 1 500 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: other station's call, your call, serial no, your name and your state, province or country

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: NA station: 1 point per QSO; non-NA station: 1 point per QSO with an NA station

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Multipliers: Each US state (including KL7) once; Each VE province once; Each North American country (except W/VE) once

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 14 September 2013

E-mail logs to: (see rules, web upload preferred)

Upload log at: <http://www.ncjweb.com/sprintlogsubmit.php>

Mail logs to: Boring Amateur Radio Club, 15125 Bartell Road, Boring, OR 97009, USA

Find rules at: <http://www.ncjweb.com/sprintrules.php>

DARC 10-Metre Digital Contest

11:00 UTC-17:00 UTC 8 September

Mode: RTTY, Amtor, Clover, PSK31, Pactor

Bands: 10 m Only

Classes: Single Op; SWL

Exchange: RST and serial no

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: Each WAE/DCXX area, Each W/VE call area

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 23 September 2013

E-mail logs to: do1npf@darc.de

Mail logs to: Peter Frank, DO1NPF, Postfach 11 19, 90515 Altdorf, Germany

Find rules at: <http://www.darc.de/referate/ukw-funksport/corona/teilnahmebedingungen/>

Next weeks contests

CWops Mini-CWT Test, 13:00 - 14:00 UTC, 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 11 September and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 12 September

NAQCC-EU Monthly Sprint, 18:00 - 20:00 UTC 11 September

RSGB 80 m Club Sprint, SSB, 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 11 September

FISTS Get Your Feet Wet Weekend, 00:00 UTC 13 September to 24:00 UTC 15 September

QRP Fox Hunt, 01:00 - 02:30 UTC 13 September

NCCC RTTY Sprint Ladder, 01:30 - 02:00 UTC 13 September

NCCC Sprint, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 13 September

FOC QSO Party, 00:00 - 23:59 UTC 14 September

Kulikovo Polye Contest, 00:00 - 23:59 UTC 14 September

WAE DX Contest, SSB, 00:00 UTC 14 September to 23:59 UTC 15 September

CIS DX QPSK63 Contest, 12:00 UTC 14 September to 12:00 UTC 15 September

Arkansas QSO Party, 14:00 UTC 14 September to 02:00 UTC 15 September

North American Sprint, SSB 00:00 - 04:00 UTC 15 September

Run for the Bacon QRP Contest, 01:00 - 03:00 UTC 16 September



African DX

Botswana, A2. WB6OJB as A25JK and K5LBU as A25CF will be active with two stations from Botswana from 5 to 12 September. Look for A25JK to operate SSB on 20 - 10 metres (possibly with some 40 and 80 m), while A25CF "will be doing some PSK on what ever bands might be open and A25JK is not on". QSL via home calls.

Mali, TZ. Fernando, TZ6BB has been active on 15 meters using CW around 19:00 UTC. QSL via W3HNK.

Namibia, V5. Operators Hardy, DF3GY, and Hans, DF2UU, announce their operation from Omaruru as V5/home calls from 7 until 15 September. They will be active on 160 to 6 m on CW and SSB. For the Region 1 Field Day and the WAE SSB Contest they will operate as V55V. QSL via DJ8VC.

African States. "As part of the on-going research and documentation of call sign history since 1945 for Club Log, and to aid the fine-tuning of Club Log's DXCC entity mapping, I have spent some considerable time researching and documenting the history of prefix changes in Africa", Alan, 5B4AHJ, says. Go to <http://clublog.freshdesk.com/support/solutions> and search for 'African states - independence dates and prefix changes'. "This is quite a substantial document, pulling together information from a wide variety of sources.



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Although I have checked the document as carefully as I can, it is possible that it contains some errors. Please advise if you find any."

African Islands

Cape Verde, D4. Barry, MODGQ, will once again be active as D44TXP from Sal Island (AF-086) between 27 August and 11 September. Activity will be on 40 and 20 metres CW only. QSL via MOURX, direct, by the Bureau or via the OQRS see <http://www.mOurx.com/oqrs>.



Mauritius, 3B8. A few sources report that Darren, G0TSM, will be active as 3B8/G0TSM between 18 and 28 September. Darren will be there on holiday, so activity will be limited to 2 - 3 hours per day on 40 - 6 metres using CW, SSB and RTTY. His equipment is an IC-7000 with wire antennas for 40 - 10 m and a 2 element Quad on 6 m. Participation in the CQ WW DX RTTY Contest (28 and 29 September) will be very limited due to his return flight time. Darren states [edited], "Please do not send me any paper QSL cards, either direct or via the Bureau. Please use the OQRS feature on ClubLog to request Bureau or direct cards. Also, requests for Bureau QSL cards can be made via E-mail. The log will be uploaded to LoTW and ClubLog during the holiday."

Ascension Island, ZD8 Operators Oliver, W6NV, Olof, G0CKV and Jorma, OK2KI will be active as ZD8W, ZD8M and ZD8X, respectively, from Ascension Island (AF-003) between 19 and 25 November. Activity will include the CQ WW DX CW Contest (November 24-25th) with each operator as a Single-Op/Single-Band entry: ZD8M on 40 m, ZD8W on 15 m and ZD8X on 10 m. Look for activity outside of the contest on the HF bands and 6 metres. QSL via their home call signs.

Madeira Archipelago, CT3. Matt/DJ8OG will get on the air from Madeira (AF-014) as CT9/DJ8OG from 10 to 17 September. He plans to set up two stations, one dedicated to 6 m for easy QSY when the band is open. QRV also during the WAE SSB contest as CR3L. QSL via LoTW and DJ8OG (d/B), for CR3L via DJ6QT (d/B). <http://www.dj8og.de>

Pelagie Islands, IG9. Alesandro, IW5ELA, will be active from Lampedusa Island (AF-019; IIA AG-001, MIA MI-126, WLOTA 2312, WW Loc JM65hm) from 8 to 13 September as IG9/IW5ELA. he will be active on HF mainly on CW with 100 W and a vertical antenna. QSL automatically via bureau or direct via h/c.

Time to Monitor VKORTM Beacon on 50,300 MHz in Antarctica

Now is the time to start monitoring the VKORTM beacon on 50,300 MHz CW at Mawson Research Station on Mac Robertson Island, Antarctica, on a beam direction of 155 degrees. It was erected by Craig Hayhow, VK0JJJ, and will operate until January 2014 running 280 Watts EIRP into two stacked M2 horizontal loop antennas. There are several propagation modes that might make it possible to cover the 4 430 km to South Africa. They are: Tropo Ducting during the summer months, Sporadic-E in December and January, a possible brief period of F2 propagation during the peak of the Solar Cycle in mid September/October 2013 as well as Meteor Scatter enhanced Aurora. Craig's station is transmitting 400 Watts on 50 MHz into a five element Yagi and he will be looking for DX contacts on the "Magic Band."

SA VHF Group on Whatsapp

The SA VHF Group is active on Whatsapp, at the last count there are 17 participants on the group and it has been interesting reading and listening on 50,200 MHz with Naz, ZS1NAZ active with CW and Voice. If you are interested in VHF activity, contact Naz at erc@polka.co.za.

Tried to get a SA DX Group going on Whatsapp, but killed it within a few hours - more fun sitting in a dentist chair!! There was a DX Group on BBM that worked quite well.



Be surprised by the World of Amateur Radio

DXCC News

The following operations have been approved for DXCC credit.
TX5K, Clipperton Island, 2013 operation
XZ1Z, Myanmar, 2013 operation

If you have had this rejected in a prior application, send a note to bmoore@arrl.org to be placed on the list for an update to your record. Please note the submission date and/or reference number where the rejection was noted to expedite the search for any rejected QSOs.

Rare novelty lights add fun to global event

Among the aims of the popular international Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend are to give radio amateurs a way to promote the hobby, raise public awareness of old maritime structures and have fun doing so. Many hundreds look forward to operating portable stations in the spirit of amateur radio, at locations around the coasts of the world.

Although the event has guidelines, the organisers are faced with a dilemma of whether to let a fun-filled novelty lighthouse join for one year only.

The latest was the lighthouse built for the dry riverbed Henley-on-Todd Regatta at Alice Springs in central Australia. Its team performed well in the spirit of amateur radio meeting the aims, including gaining media promotion.

The other major inclusion 16 years back was in the year 2002. It was the anti-collision light used by watercraft on the Captain Cook Water Jet of Canberra's Lake Burley Griffin, and 150 km from the coast.

The inclusion of such novelties is very rare, involves careful consideration, but the two approved cases certainly added lots of interest and plenty of fun for the event.

Reports and pictures are most welcome from the recent event that had a record 526 or a 10 per cent increase in those registered from the previous year.

Already 80 have committed to the 17th International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend on 16 and 17 August 2014.

Last week's photo of the Stuart Tank? It stands at the MOTH Hall in Queensburgh, Durban, not far from the Queensburgh Post Office.

The photo was taken aboard the USS Missouri on V-J Day with the surrender of Japan. What is the name of the South African



History This Week for the week starting 2 September

- 1666 - Great London Fire begins in Pudding Lane. Eighty percent of London is destroyed
- 1752 - This day never happened nor did the next 10 as England adopts the Gregorian calendar. People riot thinking the government stole 11 days of their lives
- 1776 - The first US submarine built for wartime use, the *American Turtle*,
- 1882 - First district lit by electricity (NY's Pearl Street Station).
- 1885 - First gasoline pump is delivered to a gasoline dealer (Ft Wayne, Ind)
- 1920 - First radio broadcast of a prize-fight.
- 1945 - V-J Day; formal surrender of Japan aboard USS Missouri (WW II ends)

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